(4) In addition to this, M/s SIIL is also required to contribute Rs. 12.20 crores towards tribal development.

(5) M/s SIIL has also to pay Net Present Value of Rs. 55 crores.

(6) M/s SIIL has also to pay Rs. 50.53 crores towards Wildlife Management Plan for Conservation and Management of Wildlife around Lanjigarh bauxite mine.

Paints with higher contents of lead

†320.SHRI PRABHAT JHA :
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE :
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the paints sold in country have higher contents of lead than the ones stipulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and

(c) if answer to the part (a) above be in the negative Governmentus reaction to the research report by the Centre for Science and Environment on this aspect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) and (b) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has stipulated the Lead contents in paints which are in the nature of product specification and its compliance is voluntary. The labelling under the Eco-mark scheme for various categories of products including paints is not mandatory and is also managed by BIS. The BIS or the Central Pollution Control Board have not undertaken any study to measure Lead contents in paints. Traditionally lead compounds have been used in paints as pigments for getting a particular colour. Of late, some companies have initiated the use of alternate pigments to reduce Lead content in paints.

(c) The report of the Centre for Science and Environment lays emphasis on awareness generation apart from other measures. Awareness creation on environmental issues and eco-labelling is regularly undertaken by various Central and State agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs). BIS has undertaken the task of review of all Indian Standards on paints with respect to Lead content.

Environmental Development Works in West Bengal

†321.SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals under his Ministryus consideration for environmental development works in West Bengal; and

(b) the details of the plan approved by his Ministry during last two years particularly for North Bengal, Darjeeling, Duars and Jalpaiguri?

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† Orignial notice of the question was received in Hindi.